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RCO Bavaria

Acquisition Mission— Bavarian Review



We hope you had a Spooky Halloween!

PROTEST DELAYS CENTRAL TRAVEL DATABASE

A Pre-Award protest has delayed a GSA award for the creation of a central Travel Database. The proposed contract involves combining information from the Defense Travel System, the E-Gov Travel System (used by Civilian Federal Agencies), and GSA's SmartPay card program.

Protests are typically filed before proposals are due, or after contract award. Protests after final proposals are due, as in this case, are rare, and generally occur after someone has been eliminated from the competitive range. Federal Times, 30OCT06

WHISTLEBLOWER TO GET \$17M FROM FRAUD SETTLEMENT

James Hicks, a former PeopleSoft employee, will receive \$17.7M from a \$98M settlement as a result of his whistle blowing efforts.

The Justice Department announced that Oracle Corporation settled a false claims suit to resolve allegations that PeopleSoft Inc., which Oracle purchased in 2005, defrauded GSA by not providing complete pricing information during negotiations in 1997. Federal Times, 16OCT 06.

GSA AWARDS GOVERNMENT-WIDE DELIVERY SERVICES CONTRACT TO FEDEX

A joint effort between the Treasury Dept and GSA to decrease purchasing costs for supplies & services commonly purchased has seen its first contract awarded. FedEx was awarded a \$100M BPA for Express- and Ground Domestic Delivery Services as a result of the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative. As part of the Agreement, the Government will pay no fuel surcharges on domestic shipments. Federal Times, 30 OCT 06.



Happy Thanksgiving,
from all of us at RCO
Bavaria.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASE CARD (GPC) CORNER

CHANGE IN MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD

While the Micro-Purchase Threshold has increased from \$2,500 to \$3,000, we have not yet received implementing guidance regarding any changes in your local purchase authorities. Until we do, the individual purchase limits as set forth in your Appointment Letter(s) remain in effect.

We promise to keep you updated on this!

GWOT FUNDS & “WELCOME HOME” CEREMONIES

Appropriated funds, including GWOT funds may not be expended in support of welcome home *celebrations*.

However! Use of appropriated funds for welcome home *ceremonies* may be used, but not for food or entertainment. Questions? Call Mike Lund, at DSN 475-8740.

JWOD

October was National Disability Employment Awareness Month — a time to honor those who work on JWOD contracts, and recognize those individuals who support the JWOD Program.

Created in 1938 (then the “Warner-O’Day Act”), JWOD is a unique federal procurement program that employs approximately 48,000 Americans who are blind or who have other severe disabilities. These afflictions affect more than 53 million people in the United States, nearly 70% (30,000,000) of whom are unemployed.

Congress passed the *JWOD Act* to help alleviate this employment inequity by enabling people with severe disabilities to lead more productive and independent lives through work. Not only are disabled people a significant part of our country’s workforce, they play a critical role in the military’s manufacturing industrial base. Under

JWOD, they provide the federal government and the U.S. military with essential supplies and services such as:

- Office supplies, including pens and notepads
- Military-unique items, such as apparel and first-aid kits
- Food items for government-supported international relief feeding programs

Through the auspices of JWOD, federal customers buy an array of quality products and services furnished by the JWOD-associated nonprofit agencies.

While JWOD will not send supplies through the APO, they may be purchased at the Office Source. And some GSA Contractors, who ship to APOs, do provide JWOD items. Need help? Call Tom Calcagno (475-8715) or Hans-Juergen Diepold (475-8778).

PBO APPROVAL REQUIRED BEFORE PURCHASING

Remember to coordinate all supply GPC purchase requests with your PBO prior to purchasing supplies. The purpose is to document the Government’s efforts to screen existing systems for availability of the required items from on-hand inventories (such as excess items from other military services or federal agencies, and directing acquisitions toward mandatory supply sources).

WE’RE ON THE GARRISON SERVER!

We’re on the Q Drive of the Garrison Server.

If you aren’t, you can find us at the following link:

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Tenant_Units\RCO\Public\Newsletter

DON'T FORGET!

The GPC Billing Cycle
ends the 19th of every
month.

But!

If the 19th is on a
weekend,
the cycle ends on the
Friday before.

TOM CALCAGNO IS OUR NOMINEE FOR “ACE PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR”

Tom Calcagno, aka “The Italian Stallion,” is our nominee for this year’s “ACE Procurement Specialist of the Year” Award.

The reasons for Tom’s nomination are many, and legend, only two of which are: (1) his Government Purchase Card program is one of the only programs in all of USACCE that actually makes money; and (2) Tom’s customers and colleagues know that Tom is an endless source of timely, accurate information.

Congratulations, Tom! You make us proud!



GPC TRAINING DATES

GPC Training Sessions are (generally) held the third and fourth Wednesday of every month at the RCO’s Training Room. The dates this Fiscal Year are:

	<u>JMTC & Tactical Units</u>	<u>IMA-E & Tenants</u>
1st Quarter		
NOV	22nd	29th
DEC	13th	13th
2nd Quarter		
JAN	24th	31st
FEB	21st	28th
MAR	21st	28th
3rd Quarter		
APR	18th	25th
MAY	23rd	30th
JUN	20th	22nd
4th Quarter		
JUL	18th	25th
AUG	14th	29th
SEP	19th	26th

To sign up for a class, submit a request through your Resource Management Office. (If you belong to a Tenant unit with the USAGs, you may submit your request to the RCO through your GPC Agency/Organization Program Coordinator.)

IMPORTANT: Prior to being accepted into any class, you must have completed the DoD GPC On-Line Tutorial, which can be accessed at: <https://atrrs.army.mil/channels/aitas/>.

Once you get your Login and Password, you will be directed to the course.

Refresher training is now required every year and can be found at the same website.

**RCO Bavaria celebrates
86 ICE Comment Cards
and a 100%
Satisfaction Rating
this year!**

For Contracting Professionals...

FY07 COR (RESIDENT) COURSE TRAINING SCHEDULE

The DAU on-line course, “COR with a Mission Focus” is acceptable as a basic COR course. (The basic COR courses offered by ALMC, DAU and USACCE are also acceptable.) The course may be accessed at:

<https://learn.dau.mil/html/login/login.jsp>.

Refresher training is required every 2 years: <https://acc.dau.mil/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=31505>

For Resident Courses, the following is the latest FY07 COR training schedule. Classes cover both construction and non-personal services. To get in one of these classes, contact one of folks listed:

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FY07 RESIDENT COURSE SCHEDULE

Dates

Locations

13 NOV -17 NOV	HBG
27 NOV— 30 NOV	BAVARIA (in Graf)
11 DEC -15 DEC	HBG
08 JAN -12 JAN	KTOWN
22 JAN -26 JAN	HBG
05 FEB -09 FEB	BENELUX
12 FEB -16 FEB	HBG
05 MAR -09 MAR	HBG
19-23 March	BAMBERG
02-06 April	ITALY (in Livorno)
09-13 April	ITALY (in Vicenza)
23-27 April	HBG
21-25 May	HBG
18-22 June	HBG
09-13 July	KOSOVO
23-27 July	HBG
AUG	TBD
SEP	TBD

FIELD ORDERING OFFICER TRAINING

Deploying? Need Field Ordering Officer Training? Not sure? We can help!

We offer a two-hour Field Ordering Officer Training Session that covers everything you ever dreaded knowing about the SF44, Ethics, and Procedures.

Call Mr. Georg Hoesl, who can be reached at DSN 475-8720, or MAJ Todd Cundy, at 475-8726, and we'll make sure you're ready.

CMR Website has changed. COR Input may be required. See page 7.

FROM THE FEDERAL REGISTER

FINAL RULES

Effective 12 OCT 06:

48 CFR 5125 and 5125, **Contractor Personnel Deployment..** This action removes regulations pertaining to the deployment of Contractor personnel in support of military operations. The regulations are superseded by a higher regulation (DFARS Subpart 225.74). As a result, 48 CFR 5125 is removed.

Effective 26 OCT 06:

DFARS 2006-D034, **Definition of Terrorist Country.** DoD has issued a final rule removing Libya from the list of Terrorist Countries subject to prohibition on contract awards. 252.209-7001, Disclosure of Ownership or Control by a Terrorist Country, has been amended.

PGI CHANGES:

PGI 0000-P065, **Submission of Non-responsibility Determinations to the Debarring and Suspending Official.** Removes PGI 209.105-2 to establish a more direct cross-reference to the list of officials in DFAR 209.403.

PGI 0000-P068, **Reporting of Acquisitions of End Products Manufactures Outside the United States.** Provides instructions for entering data into FPDS to permit generation of reports on the acquisition of end-products manufactured outside the US. Affected part: 225.0.

Acquisition Information Bulletins (AIBs) are now posted at the ACA HQ CO Public files under “Acq Info Bulletin.”

To find them, follow these steps:

- (1) Sign on to AKO;
- (2) Select “US Army Organizations”;
- (3) Select “Acquisition”;
- (4) Open “ACA “cabinet”;
- (5) Select “ACA HQ CO Public” cabinet; and
- (6) Select “Acq Info Bulletin”.

File are listed sequentially by AIB number.

PROPOSED & INTERIM RULES

Comment By 07 NOV 06:

DFARS 2006-D007, **Prohibition on Acquisition from Communist Chinese military companies.** Effective 15SEP06, this Rule implements Section 1211 of the NDAA for FY06, which prohibits DoD from acquiring goods or services from a Communist Chinese military company if the goods or services being acquired are on the US Munitions List. Since not all USML items themselves are munitions (e.g. military training equipment, to include targetry and simulations equipment), this clause will have a direct impact on a number of acquisitions here at the RCO.

Comment By 27 NOV 06

FAR 2005-037, **Implement OMB Policy on the Use of Brand Name Specifications.** Effective 28SEP06, the FAR is amended to require agencies to publish on the GPE or e-Buy the documentation required by the FAR to support the use of a Brand-Name specification. FAR Parts 5, 6, 8, 11 and 13 are amended.

FAR 2005-034, **Reporting of Purchases from Overseas Sources.** Effective 28SEP06, all solicitations issued, and contracts awarded, on or after 01OCT06 shall have FAR 52.225-18 or 52.212-3 incorporated. This rule requires Agencies to report to Congress the amount of articles, materials, or supplies that are manufactured outside the US.

Comment By 26 Dec 06

DFARS 2004-D017, **Combating Trafficking in Persons.** DoD has issued an interim rule amending the DFARS to implement DoD policy prohibiting activities on the part of DoD contractors and contractor employees that support or promote trafficking in persons. The rule contains a clause for use in contracts performed outside the United States, 252.222-7006, Combating Trafficking in Persons.. DFARS Subparts 212, 222, and 252, and PGI 222.17 are affected.

To Comment:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

For Contractors...

SO YOU THINK YOU WANT TO BE A CONTRACTOR...

If you have supplies or services to offer the Government, Welcome! You will be a valued part of our team and its mission. Here's some information to assist you.

First, contracts do not constitute employment with the Government. If you are looking for a job, and not a contract, go to the Army's website, at:

<https://www.cpol.army.mil>.

If, however, you still seek the fame, glory and excitement that comes with having a contract with the Federal Government, you will need to do the following:

1. Get a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number at **www.dnb.com**.

2. Get a NATO Commercial and (NATO) Government Entity (CAGE) Code at the following website: **www.dlis.dla.mil/nato_poc.asp**, unless you have an address containing an APO or FPO. You will get a CAGE Code when you register in CCR.

3. Register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) Database at **www.ccr.gov**.

4. Look for Contracting Opportunities by checking the Army Single Face to Industry (ASFI) at **<https://acquisition.army.mil/asfi>**. Our Code is W912PB.


Overwhelmed? Call us at 09641-83-8720 or 475-8712. We'll be glad to help you through the process.

CMR WEBSITE HAS CHANGED

The Contractor Manpower Reporting Application (CMRA) website has been changed to:

<https://cmra.army.mil>

This new website allows direct entry of data into the database, which should make fulfilling the CMR requirement much easier. Unfortunately, you will have to re-register at this new website, even if you registered at the original website. The registration process is explained in the user's manual at the website.

 **IMPORTANT!! Even if you missed the October 31 deadline for input of CMR data, DO THE INPUT NOW.** Questions? Call Georg Hoesl, at 09641-83-8720, or Major Todd Cundy, at 09641-83-8726.

If you're having trouble with the CMR input, contact Your Contracting Office or Requiring Activity for assistance.

YOUR PAST PERFORMANCE IS USED IN DETERMINING AWARDS

Two significant elements that a Contracting Officer looks at when evaluating bids and proposals are (1) a firm's financial and ethical standing ("Responsibility"), and (2) Past Performance in both the marketplace and under government contracts.

The data for a firm's Past Performance under Government contracts is generated and submitted by Government Representatives into the Past Performance Information Management System (PPIMS) after every contract meeting certain criteria.

Contractors receive a copy of each evaluation, and have an opportunity to make comments to the database file. Need more information? Go to:

<http://www.ppims.army.mil>

Or call Mr. Georg Hoesl, at 09641-83-8710.

For News Junkies...

JUSTICE DEPT FORMS TASK FORCE TO HUNT DOWN PROCUREMENT FRAUD

The Justice Department has unveiled a new interagency organization to prevent and fight waste, fraud, and abuse by government Contractors and federal Employees. One goal of the Task Force is to train Contracting Officers and Program Managers to detect and report fraudulent practices. Investigators would be placed in major procurement shops to work with employees who are negotiating contracts. FedTimes, 16OCT06.

“PATRIOT CORPORATIONS OF AMERICA ACT OF 2006” INTRODUCED TO THE HOUSE

Introduced on June 28, 2006, the Act would establish a contracting preference and a 5% income tax rate reduction for US firms qualifying as “Patriot” Corporations. To qualify, a firm must, *inter alia*: produce at least 90% of its products and services in the US; and comply with appropriate Federal regulations related to the environment, workplace safety, labor relations, and consumer protection. Contract Management, SEP 2006.

FAA ENDS PROCUREMENT PROGRAM AFTER IG FINDS ABUSE

The FAA has taken steps to dissolve a \$543M Contracting Program is being dissolved after an audit found it was improperly managed by the Agency. Of 114 “Support Services” contracts, fewer than 24% benefited from competition, and most were awarded based on managers’ preferences for working with an individual contractor. And instead of providing the FAA with faster, cheaper, and better Support Services, labor costs alone were \$24M to \$44M higher than under other FAA Procurement Programs. FedTimes, 02OCT06.

HOUSE DISMISSES BULK OF INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

The House Appropriations Committee has let go 60 Contractors who made up the bulk of an investigative unit that was auditing billions of dollars in Government Spending, including the \$62B Federal Relief package for Hurricane Katrina. Federal Times, 20OCT 06



AGENCIES CAN'T BACK UP CLAIMS OF COMPETITION

A review of Iraq reconstruction contracts by Auditors found that Agencies routinely reported a vast majority of their contracts to be competitive, but can't always document the processes used.

A GAO report (GAO-07-40) released on 06OCT06 found that the three Agencies responsible for most of the spending in Iraq (Defense, the State Department, and USAID) coded 97% of their obligations as competitive, while Reviewers could only find competition for 82%.

(US AID coded 99% of its contracts as competitive; while the State Department coded only 10% of its contracts as such.).. GovExec.com, 12OCT06.



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Note: All numbers are DSN. For commercial access, omit the “475” and replace with “09641-83”. From outside Germany, replace “09641” with: “49-9641”.

Snail Mail: Unit 28130, APO AE 09114

Web: <http://www.usacce.army.mil/graf>

ICE...

Tell us what you think. ICE, the Interactive Customer Evaluation system is a web-based tool that collects feedback on services provided by various organizations throughout the Department of Defense.

The ICE System allows customers to submit on-line comment cards to rate the services rendered by Service Providers encountered at military installations and related facilities around the world. The System is designed to

improve customer service by allowing managers to monitor the satisfaction levels of services provided through reports and customer comments.

We encourage you to use ICE. You can locate our link by accessing ICE (<http://ice.disa.mil>), and following the links from Army, Europe, and USACCE to RCO Bavaria.

And At Our Place...

October Birthday wishes to Wolfgang Ringer, Josef Heldmann, & Monika Parzefall (and Joanna Rodriguez!) who all had Birthdays in October.

We celebrated the end of the Fiscal Year at a fantastic restaurant in Kulmain, where we held the Awards Ceremony and announced this year's ACE nominees. They are:

Outstanding Professional
Hans-Juergen Diepold

Outstanding Procurement Analyst
Tom Calcagno

Outstanding Contracting Officer
Sigrid Mayer

Outstanding Contract Specialist
Gabi Kraus

Outstanding Team
Construction Branch

Outstanding Mission Support
Christian Dilling
Josef Heldmann

Special Recognition
Karin Garcia
Inge Goetz

Toni Schmidt was honored for 25 years of service with the Department of Defense. Congratulations, Toni!



Hans-Juergen Diepold



Tom Calcagno



Gaby Kraus & Sigi Mayer



Christian Dilling



Morild Williams, Evi Butter, Sigrid Mayer, Toni Schmidt, Regina Tafelmeyer, Helmut Liers



Karin Garcia



Toni Schmidt



Josef Heldmann



Inge Goetz

